Involving private sector in tapping wind energy

2684. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3205 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th August, 1994 and state :

(a) whether Government are formulating a special package for involving the private sector in tapping wind energy;

(b) whether any programme is being considered in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether 671 MW proposals are under various stages of finalisation with the State Governments; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the programme that are being considered and by when the target to wind energy is likely to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Under the new Strategy and Action Plan, special emphasis is is being given to the generation of wind power with the involvement of the private sector. The revised goal for the Eigth Plan is 500 MW. Several promotional and fiscal incentives are being offered by the Central and State Governments to encourage private participation in wind power projects. To provide a further boost to private sector projects, the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has suggested guidelines to the States for introduction of more attractive and uniform promotional and fiscal incentives.

(b) A wind farm demonratstion project of 600 MW capacity has so far been installed in the State. Under wind resource assessment project, three favourable locations have been identified. A Joint Sector Company has been formed for establishment of wind energy estates in the State. The State Government has announced an attractive policy for private sector participation in the wind power programme.

(c) and (d) A wind power capacity of 180 MW was already been installed. Private sector proposals aggregating over 1500 MW are under various stages of discussions with the potential State Governments. The revised goal set for the Eigth Plan is likely to be achieved subject to finalisation of private sector proposals.

Ocean development schemes in Tamil Nadu

2685. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Ocean Development Schemes in progress in Tamil Nadu with Central aid;

(b) the details of earnings from Ocean Development Schemes in foreign exchange; and

(c) whether the prawn farming is popular in all the States; if so, the details of such projects and their annual earnings, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT. (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Details are given at Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The schemes sanctioned by the Department of Ocean Development are Research and Development in nature and do not yield any earnings in terms of foreign exchange.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Brackishwater Prawn Farming is becoming popular in all the maritime States. The Marine Projects Export and Development Authority (MPEDA) is implementing a scheme for the promotion of scientific prawn farming to augment the export production.

Details of the projects and their annual report earnings are given at Statement-II.

Statement I

Details of the on-going schemes of Department of Ocean Development in Tamil Nadu

(i) Establishment of National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, in December 1993 to undertake technology related programmes in the frontier areas of ocean development;

(ii) Marine Satellite Information Service (Marine Remote Sensing and Information System) for generation of data on geomorphology of coastal zone of Tamil Nadu and

production of Potential Fishing Zone maps to help fishermen to locate areas of fish abundance;

(iii) Programme of Coastal Ocean Monitoring and Prediction Systems (COMAPS) to monitor the levels of marine pollution at selected locations along the coast of Tamil Nadu.

(iv) Establishment of operationalization of two-way shore-to-fishing vessel Communication system in Nagapattinam and Tuticorin.

(v) Marine Research, Development and Training of Specialized Manpower Programme emphasising on strengthening of infrastructural facilities for the basic reserarch. This programme is being operated through various Research Laboratories/Universities by the Department of Ocean Development in Tamil Nadu.

Statement-II

State-wise Details of Area under Prawn Culture, Prawn Production and Annual Earnings for the Year 1992-93

State	Area under prawn Culture (hectares)	Prawn Production (Tonnes)	Annual export earnings (Rs. in crores)
West Bengal	34,150	8,680	184
Andhra Pradesh	19,500	11,830	282
Tamil Nadu	1,050	10,140	233
Kerala	13,860	24,155	264
Karnataka	2,600	470	6
Maharashtra	2,180	12,800	140
Gujarat	475	1,770	20
TOTAL .	70,815	69,845	1,129

LTC to Pensioners

2686. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to revise the pension whenever the pay scales are revised;

(b) whether Government are also considering to provide LTC facilities to pensioners;

(c) whether it is a fact that the pensioners of Indian Airlines and Indian Railways are allowed to avail of free travel facility;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the last interim help given to all Class-IV to I employees has not been given to the pensioners; and

(e) if so, the reasons for which this benefit was denied to the pensioners ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) The calculation of pension is related to the pension formula, the qualifying service rendered and the average emoluments for the last 10 months before retirement. The pension structure was last revised on the recommendation of the IVth Central Pay Commission with effect from 1-1-86. The question of examination of the existing pension structure has been included in the terms of reference of the Vth Central Pay Commission.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal under consideration to provide LTC facility to Central Govt. Civilian pensioners. Railway employees are entitled to the facility of privilege passes during their service. The facility of complimentary passes is extended to them after their retirement depending upon their status and years of service. Thus the railway pensioners are entitled to post retirement complimentary passes only. Indian Airlines issues free/concessional passages to its employees both serving and retired, on sectors operated by Indian Airlines in terms of their condition of service.

(d) and (e) An Interim Relief of Rs. 100 per month was sanctioned to all central